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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This is our anniversary! With this issue we start our third year of publication. This is an employees' publication. We would like more participation by employees and would especially like to have suggestions of things to include or omit which will make the pages of more interest and help to all.

May I take this opportunity to express my best wishes to those who compile the paper and to all who read it for another year of fine relationships and good will among us as we strive to give our patients the best possible care.

WARREN F. COOK,
Executive Director

MRS. PHILIP E. JAMESON

Gifted with a keen sense of appreciation for the welfare of mankind and with the ability to direct others to assist in solving the social problems of patients, Mrs. Philip E. Jameson is uniquely suited to carry on the large task of directing the Social Service Department of the hospital and at the same time to act as executive head of the Palmer Outpatient Department.

Born in Chicago and brought up in Cleveland and Toledo, Mrs. Jameson moved East after her marriage. She lived in and around New York City until New England beckoned, and Saugus was the place chosen for the Jameson homestead. It was while she and her husband were living in New York that she picked up in a library there a booklet explaining the need for volunteers in the social agencies of the city and describing the part a volunteer could play. She enrolled for a course for volunteers and shortly afterward began her career in social work in the Greenwich district of what is now the Community Service Society of New York City. She later took courses at the New York School of Social Work and soon became a regular member of the social work staff of the Community Service Society, followed by work with the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities and with Staten Island Social Service. In Schenectady, Mrs. Jameson was connected with the public welfare department when her husband's work took the family to that city.

When the Jamesons moved to New England, the desire to help others was still strong, so Mrs. Jameson enrolled for volunteer work with the Family Society of Boston. At about the same time she organized and was executive secretary of the Saugus Welfare League and worked with the Saugus Soldiers Relief. Mrs. Jameson's career in medical social service began with a year's employment at the Massachusetts General Hospital, followed by three years at the Lynn Cancer Clinic.

It was in June 1933 that the New England Deaconess Hospital sought a social worker to set up a Department of Social Service, something the hospital had not had before but which

administration and staff alike felt was needed. To answer their call came Mrs. Jameson. She has since that time built from the small department started in conjunction with the Palmer Tumor Clinics, a widespread department covering patients in Palmer, Deaconess, and Baker whose hospitalization or post-hospital recuperation can be made easier with social service. That social service can help patients from every walk of life is verified by the fact that during the past year over forty per cent of the patients using social service were private patients.

Not a small part of Mrs. Jameson's busy day is spent in guiding the Palmer Tumor Clinics, the plan for which she developed. Here again there has been great progress until at present the Palmer Outpatient Department is one of the busiest departments of the hospital with clinics for tumor and cancer nearly every day of the week.

Twelve years ago the need for library service for patients in the hospital was acutely felt. The rare combination of having the welfare of the patients foremost in her mind and heart and of being visionary in recognizing that the New England Deaconess Hospital would grow presented itself again. Mrs. Jameson started bedside service with the book wagon, to all floors of the hospital. Volunteers, the first used in the hospital, manned this project, but, as the value of bibliotherapy was demonstrated, the need for a professional librarian became evident, and today we have a regular library department serving patients, the Nurses' Training School, and employees.

Mrs. Jameson has for many years taught courses in the "Social Aspects of Nursing" to the students in the Nurses' Training School of this hospital. Somewhat of a student herself, she has taken courses at the Boston University School of Social Work, Simmons School of Social Work, and Smith College School of Social Work.

The Social Service Division of the Greater Boston Community Council, the American Association of Medical Social Workers, and the American Association of Social Workers are organizations in which Mrs. Jameson actively represents the hospital. She has been a speaker for the Greater Boston Community Fund for ten years, and soon will begin her eleventh year in this capacity. A writer of articles on the various aspects of social work in hospitals, Mrs. Jameson this summer "made" the BOSTON TRAVELER with her editorial on "Cancer" occupying a spot usually filled by Drew Pearson!

A social worker's vocation and avocation are closely allied, but Mrs. Jameson does take time out for family, home, and garden. Married thirty-one years she and her husband have two daughters, and this Fall became grandparents for the second time. Her home and garden have always been her biggest hobbies.

GLADYS R. HARRISON.

RED FEATHERS

Jerry is nine, and has just developed diabetes. He has gotten along well in the hospital and is ready to return to his home, but his parents are reluctant to have him leave. His father is appalled at the extra expense of the special diet, insulin, and other medicines, his mother terrified at the thought of giving Jerry a daily hypodermic injection. Our Social Service Department, however, has contacted the Visiting Nurse Association, who will call, and give him his daily injections until his mother learns how and overcomes her fears. The Family Service has promised to supplement the budget, because the low income will not cover the special needs of this boy, at the price of food today. The Settlement House has agreed to let Jerry come in after school and on Saturdays, so that he can have organized play, which he needs as much as food and insulin to keep his diabetes well controlled. THREE COMMUNITY FUND AGENCIES in addition to the hospital, all ready to help this needy boy.

Mrs. Hobart is in her eighties, is not very well, has no close family or friends. We are happy to be able to tell you that the Fields Memorial, an organization that deals with the problems of aged people, has co-operated in finding Mrs. Hobart a place in a Home for Aged Women. TWO MORE COMMUNITY FUND AGENCIES standing by to help us.

Bruce Smith has recently had his foot amputated in this hospital. He is still a young man, but his usefulness as a truck driver is over. The Community Workshop devoted to rehabilitation, has given him retraining and fitted him for another job. ANOTHER COMMUNITY FUND AGENCY that answered our call.

It would be hard for this hospital to carry on its work if it did not have these resources, which are in part, or entirely, supported by the Greater Boston Community Fund. A huge sum of $6,950,000 is needed to help support all these services, for all of us when we need them. Over 300 agencies benefit from the Community Fund, so when you give, think of your gift in terms of these individuals who are receiving the use of the money.

Our hospital goal this year is $2,200. All of us should try to give at least one day's pay if not more. The money can be given in cash, or pledged to be deducted from your salary, in four installments, beginning February 1, 1949. REMEMBER: EVERYBODY BENEFITS—EVERYBODY GIVES!

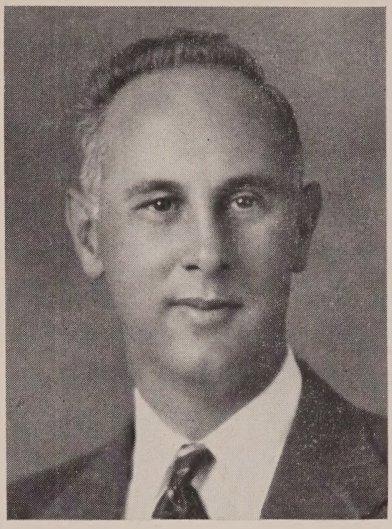
LAUNDRY

Mrs. Ada Tompkins is slowly recovering from a long illness.

Our deepest sympathy to Henry Webster, who recently lost his mother.

Charles Gould and Mary Mahoney are back. Welcome—we are glad to have you with us again.

Who said anything about a Hallowe'en Party?



REVEREND H. S. HUGHEY

We welcome Reverend H. S. Hughey — our new Field Secretary and Chaplain. He is a modest scholarly man, who hesitates to enumerate his many accomplishments and honors. He is witty and enjoys telling stories. Mr. Hughey is a Nova Scotian, but was graduated from the University of Maine and Bangor Theological Seminary. For a few years he did social and charitable work in New York City. He has been actively engaged in the ministry for twenty years.

Immediately following Pearl Harbor, Mr. Hughey was accepted as a Chaplain in the United States Army with the rank of First Lieutenant, second Chaplain from the Maine Methodist Conference, but due to naturalization difficulties, he was prevented from accepting the appointment. As a compromise, he served on the Selective Service Board throughout the war. Mr. Hughey feels highly privileged to have been chosen for his new position with us, and is most enthusiastic about it. He comes to us from the Maine Methodist Conference and had his most recent parish in Limestone, Maine.

Fishing, hunting, bowling, and skating are sports from which Mr. Hughey derives real recreation. Dr. Cook and Mr. Hughey with their families have

had some successful fishing trips and experiences in common in catching salmon. Mr. Hughey has also done some flying. His most interesting hobby, however, is collecting old books. His oldest book — one of Greek tragedies — is dated 1456. Nothing less than 200 years old is acceptable! He has a few first editions and his entire collection consists of at least fifty volumes. Next in importance is his interest in old coins of all kinds, many of which he has collected in his travels through Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador) and the United States.

Mr. Hughey is very proud of his family. His wife is a noted professional singer — a coloratura soprano and teacher of voice culture. There are two daughters — Rona Louise and Sylvia Jean. Mrs. Hughey unfortunately has been a patient in Deaconess ever since her arrival in Boston. Mr. Hughey has worked under tremendous difficulties to move his family and settle in a new home at 22 Taylor Avenue, Dedham, without the assistance of his wife. We hope that Mrs. Hughey may soon have the pleasure of enjoying it too. We wish them all well in their new work.

QUIZZING THE WIVES

Four members of the FRIENDS OF THE DEACONESS participated in the program QUIZZING THE WIVES over station WNAC on Tuesday, October nineteenth, at 10 o'clock. Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, Mrs. Richard B. Cattell, Mrs. Robert H. Garritt, and Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell.

BOOK WORMS, INC.

The Great Books reading and discusson programs, sponsored locally by the Boston Public Library, may have a unit in the Deaconess Hospital. A tentative schedule of meetings is set for the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7-9 P. M. All those interested in joining the group may ask Mrs. Paine for enrollment blanks, or sign the list on the bulletin board in the dining room before November first. When signing, please give *your* preference for time of meeting. There will be no charge for this course other than the price of the books.

SANITATION COURSE

The Sanitation Course for cafeteria workers ended October seventh with two films shown by a representative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The following people received certificates indicating that they had successfully completed the course:

Edna Bailey	Harry Norton
Annie Barrett	Herbert Regan
Catherine Griffin	Isabelle Riordan
Marjorie Griffin	Isabel Smith
Stella Hanlon	Margaret Thomas
Catherine Hutchinson	Margaret Wattley
Ida Kane	Nora Webb
Helen McKendry	Alma Williams

PLEASE REPORT YOUR ACCIDENT

No matter how slight your injury may seem, please see your supervisor and have an accident report made out. Then report at once to the Nursing Office on Palmer 2. There is always someone there to help you. Within twelve hours of the time of injury, a report must be sent to the Industrial Accident Board and the insurance company. Otherwise, if you report an accident days or weeks later, there will be a great deal of red tape to unravel and payments of workmen's compensation held up if there was any time lost. This is for your own protection — so please report any accident immediately.

HOSPITAL AIDES

On October fifteenth our second class of hospital aides started their training. We welcome them to the Deaconess and hope they will enjoy their course so much that they will wish to remain a long, long time.

Mrs. Marian Blakesley	Mrs. Esther Kent
Mrs. Lillian Cash	Mrs. Ethel Loring
Mrs. Mabel Downing	Mrs. Gwendolyn Lucas
Mrs. Phyllis Forster	Mrs. Irene Pitts
Mrs. Katherine Gleason	Miss Mary Roche
Miss Lillian Gorman	Mrs. Christie Rogers
Mrs. Ruth Ives	Miss Barbara Wynn

BOWLING

The bowling season got off to a rousing start on September twentieth. There are ten teams of five players per team. Below is the standing of the teams as of October fourth:

Team	*Points*	*Total Pinfall*
Team 1 Dr. Cook, Captain	12	3769
Team 6 Mr. Karman, Captain	11	4013
Team 5 Mrs. Walker, Captain	9	3905
Team 9 Miss James, Captain	9	3426
Team 7 Miss Carberry, Captain	8	3562
Team 3 Mr. Sabine, Captain	4	3662
Team 4 Mr. Emery, Captain	4	3151
Team 8 Mr. Melder, Captain	2	3409
Team 10 Miss Marshall, Captain	1	3317
Team 2 Miss Brown, Captain	0	3122

HIGH SINGLE STRING

Men	Mr. Lowry, Team 4	114
Women	Miss Carberry, Team 7	103

HIGH TOTAL PINFALL

Men	Sam Marotta, Team 1	312
Women	Miss Carberry, Team 7	271

THE LIGHTER SIDE

A patient unfamiliar with the abbreviations used on hospital bills, thought that the charge of $1 for SOL. RM. was quite moderate, since she had been up and around and using the SOLARIUM frequently during her convalescence.

A patient appeared at the Cashier's window in a state of great annoyance because she had been charged for a FROZEN SECTION. She thought it especially outrageous as she hadn't had a mouthful of ice cream since she had been in the hospital.

ADMINISTRATION

Quite a bit of gadding going on — Dr. Cook and Mr. Lowry to the American Hospital Association Convention in Atlantic City, Betty Terkelsen to New Hampshire for a few days, Elinor Gillogley to Connecticut for a week-end, and Greta Shand to the second World Series game.

All of us are hoping that Mildred Pinkham, hospitalized with a throat infection, and Laughlin J. MacDonald, ill at home, will be back with us soon.

ADMITTING

Let-down . . . the vacation period has come and gone, by the time this issue is released the office should be back to its normal schedule. How true that time is like an elastic band — it had practically no "stretch" during the summer season!

Brief biography — a most welcome temporary employee has been Miss Margaret Hermiston, with her British accent and interesting experiences. In 1912 she left Scotland, journeyed to the United States where she entered the first class of Deaconesses at Harris Hall. Following the completion of her course she became a parish Deaconess in Providence, Rhode Island, where she remained for four years. Then she went off to India — where as an educator she was principal of a girls' school both in Delhi and Roorkee, U.P. India claimed twenty-seven years of her life, during which period she enjoyed three furloughs to the United States. It was between her first and second terms in India that Miss Hermiston was graduated from Boston Universiy School of Religious Educaton. January, 1946 found her in thrilling flight over the Atlantic, having taken off from England for a return to the United States. At present Miss Hermiston, who now resides in Weymouth, is collaborating with Miss Clementina Butler on a revision of the book THE LIFE OF DR. WILLIAM BUTLER who founded the missionary work of the Methodist Church in 1856 which centennial will soon be celebrated.

DIETARY

Now that Cleveland has won the series, Dietary should be able to relax. Baseball has been practically the only topic of conversation for weeks. Mrs. Louise Walker was in a state of hysteria all through the series. The Braves' collapse has also left many wallets depleted.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Anderson are very proud of their new daughter, Denise, born September 12, 1948.

We are glad to see Clifford Grant back. Cliff was a patient in Baker.

The American Dietetic Association is holding its convention in Boston October 18-22. The dietitians at the Deaconess are attending the meetings in which they are most interested. Miss Winger is Chairman of the Student and Special Registration Committee and is in charge of registering 3000 delegates.

Miss Winger' office has been given the French decor treatment. She now has French gray walls to go with her French secretary. There are new draperies with gay flowers — it all certainly looks nice.

PHARMACY

Virginia Kinter and her family have just returned from a motor trip in the west.

Bill Martin, Pharmacist, is recuperating at home after a short stay at Palmer. We hope his recovery will be a speedy one and that he will be back soon.

Bowlers. The Pharmacy is not in first place yet, but keep your eye on us.

VOLUNTEER

It was with great regret that we bade goodbye, early in September, to charming Mrs. Greta Åkerman, who had been with us as a volunteer since February, helping with the craft program, and this summer as hostess at the Baker Information Desk She delighted us with her Swedish accent, her enthusiasm for the United States, and her enjoyment of maple-nut ice cream, jelly doughnuts, fried clams, and iced coffee. She once pointed with glee to a minute spot of ice cream, which she had spilled on the sleeve of her coat and announced that she intended to weave red, white, and blue threads around it and preserve it forever to remind her of America. Malmo, Sweden, has reclaimed her, and we know how happy her two youngest children are to have her and their brother Ivan with the again, but we can still hope that she will soon return to our shores.

X-RAY

We have been bidding a lot of goodbyes in the X-Ray Department. Sara Macdonald Rice has left us to join her newly acquired husband in Augusta, Maine. We are all sorry to see her leave, but wish her much happiness in her future.

Two of our technicians have gone to other jobs — Dona Holland to New York, and Elizabeth Morris to the endless job of housekeeping.

We have, however, acquired two new fellow-workers — Evelyn Ellis, who comes to us from Richmond, Virginia, as therapy technician; and Mrs. Dorothy Gregg, from Arizona, as secretary, in Mrs. Rice's place.

GLAD TO SEE YOU

We welcome these full-time permanent employees who joined us in September:

Chemistry
Lois J. Hamblin
Dietary
Neila Blanche
Edward Hynes
George Phillips
Housekeeping
Catherine Geyer
George Woodburn
Susie Woodburn
Laundry
Mary Mahoney
Maintenance
James Guy
Nursing
Carola Anderson
Anne Borek
Rosemary Bryne
Jean Carpenter
Jean Chapman
Janie Christie
Barbara Cookson
Greta Garland
Helen Giddings
Marie Girelli
Roberta Murdoch
Roberta Pye
Hilda Rosenfeld
Jacqueline Santos
Pauline Scibilio
Virginia Shea
Betty Thompson
Margery Thorndike
Pathology
Samuel Hicks, M.D.
Florence Munson
Solution Room
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Elaine Rounds
Surgery
Jeanne Barker
Maria Bowman
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